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Sledding Fun for Kingston's Therapy Pup, Kide!

By Hayley Van-Gils, Youth Librarian, Kingston Community Library

Kingston Community Library's volunteer therapy dog, Kide, has been on a dog sledding adventure in Haliburton, Ontario, Canada this winter.

Kide (pronounced Kee-Day) is a Finnish Lapphund, a Nordic breed and he competes as a show dog in the herding class. He was the #2 Finnish Lapphund in the United States in 2018 and was Select Dog at Westminster in 2019! While on break from the show

Photos courtesy of April Wilkowski

circuit, Kide and Kim concentrate on therapy work. Kide and his owner Kim have been volunteering at the Kingston Community Library in Kingston since 2018, inspiring our children, building confidence, and strengthening young reader's communication skills and reading ability.

Children throughout the wider community come to read to Kide and Kim on a weekly basis, but they recently took a well-earned break and headed north for some sledding fun! Kide joined a group of 24 other Finnish Lapphunds, 2 Samoyed, and a Havanese to learn the basics of dog sledding for fun. There was plenty of fresh fallen snow and cold temperatures - two of his favorite things! He was also able to reconnect with one of his own puppies who is enjoying a great life in Canada.

For more information, please visit us or email us at info@kingston-library.org

Library News

Littleton Public Library's tribute to former librarian, Ellen Morrow

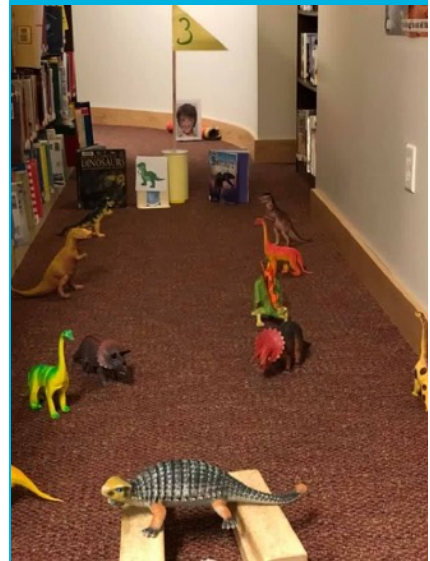
Meagan Carr, Director, Littleton Public Library

On February 21st, Littleton Public Library held a Tribute to Ellen Morrow, where we unveiled our memorial project in her honor. Ellen was the assistant librarian at Littleton Public Library from 1965-2014. She passed away in September of 2019 in a tragic car accident. Ellen used to open all of her story times with the Shel Silverstein poem "Invitation". Local artist Melissa Jones created a mural of the poem interspersed with images from Ellen's favorite stories, and copies of some of Ellen's actual art. Permission for use of the poem was given by the estate of Shel Silverstein, and permission for use of Ellen's images was granted by her husband Kat. Funds donated in Ellen Morrow's memory were also used to purchase a puppet theater and puppets which have now taken up residence in our children's room.



Photo submitted by Meagan Carr

School Vacation Fun in Hillsborough



Fuller Public Library constructed a 9 hole mini golf course in the library for one day during February school vacation. Each hole had a different book or author theme, for example we had Wizard of Oz, Mo Willems, and Dinosaurs holes! We asked players to donate either \$1.00 or an item for our local food pantry. Over 50 people participated, we collected \$21 and 64 food items. Everyone who played said they had so much fun, we are planning on playing again this summer! We spent under \$100 and will be able to reuse everything for years to come! Give us a call or email if you would like to know how we created our golf course.

-Samantha Gallo, Director, Fuller Public Library

Gay-Kimball Library, Troy, goes fine free

Catherine Callegari, Director, Gay-Kimball Library, Troy



Photo submitted by Catherine Callegari

Joining a growing number of libraries in the country, the Gay-Kimball Library (GKL) in Troy is going fine free. Beginning March 1, 2020, patrons at GKL will no longer be charged overdue fines. The Library Board of Trustees voted to not only eliminate overdue fines but also forgive any current overdue fines. By eliminating these fines, the library is removing barriers and making access easy, equitable and enjoyable for everyone regardless of economic circumstances. "It's unfortunate the number of people who stop using the library because they cannot pay their overdue fines or are embarrassed that they have any at all," said director Catherine Callegari. GKL has slowly been going fine free over the past two summers as it forgave all overdue fines for its school aged patrons and saw an increase in library use.

Historically libraries charged overdue fines to encourage borrowers to return their items on time, teach responsibility, and raise revenue. However, recent research has shown that overdue fines do not increase the return of library items. In fact, libraries report that their rates of overdues are the same or even less after going fine free. Regarding revenue Callegari said, "A review of the revenue raised by overdue fines showed that it has been steadily decreasing. Last year it was less than one half of one percent of our income."

A lot of things are still the same at GKL - borrowed items still have a due date, patrons will still receive reminders when their items are due, those with overdues will still not be able to check out additional items, and patrons will still be billed for lost and damaged items. What has changed is that library users will no longer be punished when life gets in the way of returning their items to the library on time.

Goodwin Library, Farmington, genre project

Kayla Morin-Riordan, Children's Services Supervisor, Goodwin Library



At the start of 2020, Goodwin Library began a second genre project, this time tackling juvenile fiction. The first phase of the project involved dividing juvenile fiction into two categories, Early Chapter Books and Middle Grade Fiction. Our fiction section contained everything from *Princess in Black* to *Percy Jackson*, which made it hard for emergent readers to find a book they could read.

Utilizing Lexile scores as a guide, we separated out the “early chapter books.” These items were kept on book carts while we re-labeled the remaining books with “JM” for Juvenile Middle Grade. Once shelved, the sections were labeled with new signage.

Phase two was genrefying the middle grade collection into six sections: Adventure, Historical Fiction, Humor, Mystery & Suspense, Realistic Fiction, and Sci-Fi/Fantasy.

We did a keyword search to generate book lists, our library page pulled books, and children's staff reviewed the items, edited records, and added the genre label.

Our patrons are loving the switch! The younger readers love that they can find chapter books they can read all in one section (and parents feel the same). The collection is much easier to navigate (and shelving is much faster). Having the genres is helping us notice holes in our collection and areas we should develop more. Start to finish this project took about 6 weeks, and was well worth the time!



Photos submitted by
Kayla Morin-Riordan.

Brookline Public Library receives free 3D printer

Marilyn Simons, Assistant Director, Brookline Public Library

On Saturday, March 7, four students from the Hollis Brookline High School robotics club donated a 3D printer to the Brookline Public Library. CEO Cameron Hallett and FIRST Robotics team members Alex Hill, Kayleigh Hallett, and Cooper Adair set up and demonstrated the new printer, and Library Director Pat Leonard was the first to get a lesson on choosing a design and sending it to the new device.

The gift was a result of last year's generous donation from local taxpayers to the robotics club for equipment upgrades, resulting in older equipment being refurbished by the club members and offered to other organizations. The Hollis Social Library will also receive a 3D printer, along with every school in SAU district 41.

“The students wanted to do this to give back to the community”

-SAID KATIE HALLETT, THE GROUP'S MENTOR

Library staff members Bettielue Hill (Children's Program Coordinator), Keith Thompson (Outreach Coordinator), and Marilyn Simons (Assistant Director) were also on hand for the 3D printer unveiling, along with several interested patrons, both adult and children. "We're so grateful for this gift..this will be an exciting addition for our programming and promotional needs," said Pat Leonard. After staff training and policies are in place, library patrons will be able to print their 3D projects under staff supervision.

NH UNT cohort graduates participate in institutes panel

Marilyn Simons, Assistant Director, Brookline Public Library

On Saturday, January 11th, Rebecca Campbell, cataloger at Kelley Library, Salem, and Marilyn Simons, assistant director at Brookline Public Library, participated in a panel discussion at the UNT (University of North Texas) cohort institute at the Manchester City Library, along with Jennifer Bishop, assistant director of information technology of the Saco, ME school district. All three librarians were members of the initial graduating class of the UNT cohort program, obtaining their MLS/MLIS degrees in December of 2017.

Agnes Percy, UNT cohort director, invited the three librarians to speak with current cohort students about daily library challenges, their individual career paths, and thoughts on the future of the profession. They also offered tips and suggestions for getting the most out of the cohort experience, including social media contacts and fellowship, making the most out of their student association group with workshops and networking, and scholarship and funding opportunities.

Current UNT cohort students are members of the third cohort of the program. A graduation ceremony for members of the second cohort took place on Sunday January 12th.

North Hampton votes YES for a new library

Susan Grant, Director, North Hampton Public Library

North Hampton passed the vote for a new library by 62.8% Tuesday March 10th. Groundbreaking will begin as soon as possible and construction will take approximately one year for the 11,155 sqft Library designed by Lavallee Brensing Architects. This is the culmination of an effort that has spanned 17+ years and the library trustees past and present are thrilled with the outcome. The current library is half the size of the new library that is in the works and has been overcrowded and outdated since the 1990s. We look forward to the coming year and will keep you apprised of our progress.

Renovation work starts on the Exeter Public Library

Julia Lanter, Assistant Director of the Exeter Public Library reports that the library is undergoing a \$4.5 million renovation project to fix a leaking roof, repair water damage, and modernize the building all within the existing footprint. .





Marlborough nears goal for library addition

Kristin Readel, Director, Frost Free Library

The 150 Building Committee of the Friends of Frost Free Library, Marlborough, NH are 80% of the way to their \$800,000 goal to add 1500 square feet of accessible programming and meeting space for the Marlborough community thanks to Eversource, Savings Bank of Walpole, and many other generous early investors.

Photo provided by Kristin Readel, Director, Frost Free Library



Professional Development

Notice: Rescheduled Transforming Teen Services with Connected Learning workshop & Basic Storytime workshop.

The Transforming Teen Services with Connected Learning three-hour workshop scheduled in Durham on Monday March 16, **has been rescheduled**. These workshops require participation in pairs and groups and in consideration of COVID-19, we feel rescheduling best. We will move everyone registered for next Monday in Durham to the rescheduled date of July 27, still at the Durham Public Library from 1:00-4:00.

Workshops scheduled in Hanover (April) and Conway (May) are being monitored and we will let you know ASAP with any changes. This is just the beginning of T3 trainings developed by YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association-American Library Association). They are aimed at improving competencies for library staff serving teens and are part of the YALSA/COSLA IMLS funded Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach (T3) project.

The **Basic Storytime workshop** scheduled for Friday, March 20 in Hooksett is also **cancelled** and rescheduled for Friday, May 22, still at the Hooksett Public Library 9:30-11:30.

READS Workshop Offerings

More and more, public libraries have found themselves in the center of controversy because they hosted or sponsored an event which provoked public comment or disagreement. READS invites you to join your colleagues across the state to discuss

- the library's role in public discussion
- how to plan for a potentially controversial event
- best practices for handling public comment

READS plans to have NH librarians who have organized controversial programs at each roundtable to give a firsthand viewpoint and practical tips.

READS members \$10, NHLA members/guests \$15

Registration for READS members starts on March 1 and NHLA/guest registration on March 8

April 10, Conway - [REGISTRATION](#)

April 17, Portsmouth - [REGISTRATION](#)

April 20, the Howe in Hanover - [REGISTRATION](#)

Strategy of Sustainability – Making It a Core Strategy

Lori Fisher, Assistant State Librarian, NH State Library

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich opens Chapter 16 of her book, *Sustainable Thinking* (2018) with the following statement:

“I am making the case that if we focus on thinking holistically and systemically about the sustainability of our local and global communities, we can help position libraries for the future in the strongest way possible.”

How can we do this within our libraries, let alone our communities? From the inside out, starting with your library. Consider the following questions:

- Is a commitment to sustainability embedded in your library’s mission statement or long-range plan?
- Has sustainability been adopted by your board of trustees as a core value of the library?
- Is sustainability referenced in any of your core library documents or policies as part of management decisions?

Your town or city does not have to lead the way... often big change happens through small daily choices. We all know and experience this in our personal lives. So let’s get back to the reason libraries exist. This is a legitimate question, not just an existential exercise. Does your library exist to circulate best sellers? Create a climate of life long learning? Offer a summer reading program? We do all of those things, but taking them all together it really means that **Libraries Are Here To Make Our Community A Better Place**. This is where sustainable thinking starts – internally in your library, with your staff and board, always coming back to this question of why the library is here as choices are made on a daily basis.

To continue this wider perspective thinking, look at some examples of sustainable initiatives/policies/committees both in NH and in other parts of the US. I hope that this will get you thinking about what sustainability could look like in your library’s daily activities.

- [NH Library Association resolution on sustainability](#)
- [American Library Association resolution on sustainability](#)
- [NY Library Association Sustainability Initiative web page/resources](#)
- [City of Portsmouth, NH – Sustainability Initiatives](#)
- [City of Lebanon, NH – Sustainable Community Vision](#)
- [City of Exeter, NH – Sustainability Office](#)
- Article, “[Planning for Sustainability in Small Municipalities](#)” 2017 (Maine)

Resources for further information:

Sustainable Thinking (2018) by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich – available for purchase through the American Library Association; also available for inter-library loan from the NH State Library professional collections. Contact the NHSL circulation desk at [271-2616](tel:271-2616) to get on the reserve list.

www.sustainablelibraries.org (website by R. Smith Aldrich)

COVID-19 and Your Library/Community

Lori Fisher, Assistant State Librarian

First things first – we are librarians, and our job is to provide information access to everyone. So what do we need to do first regarding COVID-19?

Wash our hands thoroughly while singing ‘Happy Birthday’ twice. If you don’t want to sing ‘Happy Birthday’ here’s a [resource for other songs](#) that will make the task more pleasant. (Personal fave – Prince’s Raspberry Beret)

Ok, after that, the first thing we need to do is make sure our front-line staff have resources that are reliable and up-to-date for any patron questions that come our way. Here’s a list of state/federal/library resources:

- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-business-response.html
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm>
- <http://www.ala.org/tools/atoz/pandemic-preparedness>

In addition, here are some posters (links sent to NHSL via our NH Commissioner of Natural & Cultural Resources):

- FAQs: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/covid-19-faq.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/hands-kids.pdf>
- Info for businesses/state agencies: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/covid-19-businesses.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/cough-campaign.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/cdc-cover-your-cough.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/nhdhhs-cover-your-cough.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/cdc-germs-are-everywhere.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/immunization/documents/hands-kids.pdf>

Last, these are the things everyone should be doing to prevent the spread of the virus:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick or who exhibit flu-like symptoms.
- Stay home from work or school if you have a fever or are not feeling well.
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When soap and running water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands that are visibly soiled.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue and throw away used tissues immediately and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces frequently.

Preparing to Provide Digital Services

Bobbi Slossar, Technology Resources Librarian, NHSL

It is likely that your library will be relying more on digital services in the upcoming weeks. This is an excellent time to check remote logins for various services offered remotely and to publicize the digital services to your patrons!

Resources for NH Downloadable Books

The popular NHDB service current has nearly 10,000 eBook titles and 7000 audiobook titles for children and adults available for checkout. Consider sharing the [OverDrive's video tutorials](#) on the easy to use Libby app via social media.

EBSCO Periodical Databases

[EBSCO](#) contains timely articles from all of the popular magazines and some peer reviewed journals. (Note that major American medical journals are not included in the subscription.) Consider publicizing the service and including links to reputable information for your community. [Contact me](#) to set up patron barcode logins in advance for easier authentication.

Have a policy for issuing or extending library cards

Consider your policies for authenticating your patrons into remote services if their library card has expired or if you need to issue a new card. Talk to your trustees about ways to extend digital library services to those in need who may not be able to safely come to the library. Discuss issuing short term accounts based on checking voter registration or by viewing electronic copies of proof of residency.

NH State Library receives \$2500 grant Deborah Dutcher, Youth & Adult Services Consultant, NHSL

On January 29, the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation announced the approval of a grant request by Deborah Dutcher, Youth & Adult Services Consultant, NH State Library. The grant is in the amount of \$2,500 to support training of NH Librarians on autism in libraries and play-based learning was delivered to Deborah on March 9. Watch for registration to the *Autism in Libraries* workshop scheduled for June 11 coming soon.

Matt Colgan from Bangor Payroll and Patrick Ellis from Bangor Merchant Services Division present a check to Deborah Dutcher, Youth & Adult Services Consultant, NH State Library.



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